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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Dear Sir:

In Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, Examiner states that certain limitations "...makes these claims allowable over the prior art." Applicants respectfully traverse this potentially limiting statement for several reasons. First, it is the combination of elements specifically as recited in each of the claims that determine the allowability over art. Selecting any one or two elements while ignoring the remainder could unfairly and improperly limit the scope of the invention claimed. Second, Examiner's statement of the limitations is not an exact recitation of the allowed language of the claim and therefore could improperly be used to characterize the claimed invention in a way not intended and explicitly written by Applicants and allowed by the PTO. Third, in at least one instance (specifically, "...a Wheatstone bridge on a semiconductor substrate wherein the P-type region and the N-type region having nano widths.") limitations not found in certain of the allowed claims have been implied by the Examiner.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a restatement of reasons for allowance in the last sentence of the paragraph on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, essentially as follows: "The limitations, that are found variously in the claimed combinations are not taught, found, or suggested in the prior art of record, that are evidence of allowability over the prior art."

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